

# United States Department of Agriculture,

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

### NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1403.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

#### ADULTERATION OF "FIGLETTES."

On March 30, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against William G. Snell and Charles S. Simpson, doing business under the firm name of Snell & Simpson, alleging shipment by them, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, on or about June 28, 1910, from the State of Massachusetts into the State of Rhode Island, of a quantity of a food product labeled "Figletts," which was adulterated.

Chemical analysis and microscopical examination of samples of said product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture showed the following results:

#### (Analysis)

Sucrose, Clerget (per cent).....	22.92
Commercial glucose (factor 163) (per cent).....	24.14
Polarization, direct, temperature 20° C.....	54.3
Polarization, invert, 87° C.....	27.4
Polarization, invert, 87° C.....	34.8
Proteids (N×6.25) (per cent).....	2.15

#### (Microscopical examination)

Large amount of leguminous starch. Mold specks frequent.  
100 grams (sugar free basis) contain 3,327 fig seeds.  
100 grams Smyrna figs (purchased in market) contain 5,926 seeds.  
145 grams of the fig filler showed 6 worms (whole), 5 worm heads, 5 insect eyes, and 8 worm parts (without heads), all visible to the naked eye.

Molds numerous, yeasts and bacteria few.

Adulteration was alleged for the reason that said product consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid animal or vegetable substance.

On December 4, 1911, the defendant Charles S. Simpson pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and the information was thereupon nolle prossed as to the other defendant, William G. Snell.

JAMES WILSON,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 7, 1912.